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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.  
" 6 " " 4% " "  
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

#### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

#### THE CITY BANK.

#### THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS. LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHURCH'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES. COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description. CLARET in Casks, MALT, HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH. CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

SAM HING STULTZ, HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRUS," AND

HAS FOR SALE—NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. BATHS in every style. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

## To Let.

### TO BE LET.

HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zealand Street. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

### TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West, Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

### TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

### As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

### TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

### Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

### TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## For Sale.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CRUISE'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS. SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. BASS'S ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER. Bass in Hhds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. fe4

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date. RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS of LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT. Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr. G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late JOHN FALCONER ROSE in our Firm CEASED on the 21st January, 1879.

ROSE & Co. Hongkong, January 22, 1879. ja30

### NOTICE.

I have This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers, Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

### NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co. Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from This Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. VON PUSTAU. Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI. ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD. 16, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE. Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

### NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE, ERICH GEORG. Peddar's Hill, No. 2, Hongkong, January 15, 1879. fe1

### NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co., Ship Brokers. Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Yee Yat Po), Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

OHUN AYIN. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

### NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail, Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## Intimations.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

## NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS. Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fe1

## NOTICE.

THE Head Office of the CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is This Day REMOVED to No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent. Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAIKS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th January, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, January 4, 1879. fe9

## Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 2.—Vol. VII.—OF THE—"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Jettings from the Book of Rites. Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi. Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.

Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty. The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ing. The Ballads of the Shik'ing.

Translations of Chinese School-books. Tonic and Vocal Modification in the Foochow Dialect.

Legislation and Law in Ancient China. A Plea for "Fau-kwal."

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—Taxes on Industries in Canton. A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles, Lamps and Fire.

Legends on Chinese Porcelain. Tame Birds.

To make a Tui (Antithesis). "Respect This."

The Army of Kwangtung. Gutter Percha in China.

Chinese Dialects. "Confucius Losing a Horse in the Desert."

Books Wanted, Exchange, &c. China Mail Office, Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION of FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

V. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, January 23, 1879. fe13

## PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fe13

F. HUTCHINGS, begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral. Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## LOST.

ABOUT the 27th or 28th Dec., an English White Poodle DOG, Female, answers to the name of "BEAUTY." A Liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, Miss GORDON.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "YESSO,"

Capt. S. ASHON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 23, 1879. ja30



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gordon Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m., To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fe4

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANGTSE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Yangtze*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 31st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Agt. Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Agt. Agent.

G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman &amp; Co., cases Granite, from London.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF &amp; GODOWNS

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER &amp; Co.,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. my29

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FONTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gony.—Landstein & Co.

PRINCE ARCTUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hermann.—Siemens & Co.

PRINCE, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

ALFREDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

HARON ADELSTEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BREITEN, German barque, Capt. R. Hahn.—Melchers & Co.

S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

CHANNEL QUEEN, British ship, Captain Le Lacheur.—E. Schellhaas & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO &amp; SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"CHINA."

F. C. ACHERMAN, Master, will

be despatched for the above Ports

To-morrow, the 30th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. ja80

FOR BANGKOK.

The Steamship

"BELLONA."

ARRENS, Master, will be de-

spatched for the above Port

To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. ja80

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARQUE ABBEY

OWFER, FROM ANTWERP.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe4

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

SULLIVAN'S OPERA

H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

ON

MONDAY,

February 10th, 1879.

TICKETS may be procured and Seats re-

served at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co's

on and after Wednesday, February 6th.

G. B. EMORY,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe11

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY,

LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3%,

or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at

the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-

holders held This Day, will be Payable at

the HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next,

the 31st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at

the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

## FOR SALE.

A NEW COTTAGE GRAND PIANO,

BY

JOHN BROADWOOD &amp; SONS.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe5

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Jan. 28, 10 p.m., *Lily*, H. M. gun vessel,

700, Basil E. Ouchane, Yokohama Dec. 17,

Kobe Jan. 15 and Nagasaki 21.

Jan. 29, *Kwangtung*, British steamer,

676, Punohard, Foochow Jan. 28, Amoy 27,

and Swatow 28, General.—DOUGLAS L.

FRANK &amp; Co.

Jan. 29, *Ma li*, Chinese steamer, 181, R.

Marsden, Shanghai Jan. 21, and Swatow

28, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 29, *Hwai Yuen*, Chinese steamer,

from Canton.

Jan. 29, *Hina*, German steamer, from

Canton.

Jan. 29, *Abney Couper*, British barque,

699, S. Carr, Antwerp July 28, General.—

MEYER &amp; Co.

Jan. 20, *Dale*, British steamer, 657,

Thomson, Bangkok Jan. 20, General.—

YUEN FAT HONG.

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 29, *Yotung*, for Swatow.29, *China*, for Yokohama.29, *Guatun*, for Shanghai.29, *Conquest*, for Hoihow.29, *Emerald*, for Amoy.29, *Liamante*, for Manila.

## CLEARED.

Charite, for Tientsin.

Kuro, for Guam.

China, for Shanghai.

Emilio V., for Nagasaki.

Paraiso, for Tientsin.

Yesso, for Coast Ports.

Hawthorn, for Tientsin.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Kwangtung*, from Coast Ports, Mr

and Mrs Fairhurst, Messrs Sheppard,

Lethbridge and Greagh, 3 Europeans deck,

and 53 Chinese.

Per *Ma li*, from Shanghai and Swatow, 2

Europeans deck, and 4 Chinese.

Per *Dale*, from Bangkok, 25 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Guatun*, for Shanghai: from Hong-

kong, Mr G. H. Townsend, and 3 Chinese;

from Southampton, Mr W. Brown; from

Brindisi, Mr Lazarus; from Bombay, Mr

R. M. Campbell.

Per *Conquest*, for Hoihow, &c., Mr H.

Masse, and 56 Chinese deck.

Per *Diamond*, for Manila, Messrs O. S.

Nichols, O. von W. Subm, J. Ullmann, T.

J. Reynolds, and R. D. Tucker.

Per *Yotung*, for Swatow, 64 Chinese.Per *China*, for Yokohama, 1 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British gun vessel *Lily* reports:

Very heavy weather off Nagasaki on the

night of 21st Jan., rendering it necessary

to lay to, near Meacoima; strong mon-

soon until off Chapel Island, then light

easterly winds to port. H.M.S. *Junco* atYokohama. H.M.S. *Midg* and *Sylvia* atKobe. H.M.S. *Egeria* at Nagasaki.The British steamer *Kwangtung* reports:

Left Foochow on the 26th, had moderate

N.E. winds and cloudy weather to Amoy;

thence to Swatow strong Northerly winds

and clear weather. Left Swatow on the

28th, had moderate N.E. winds and fine

weather to port. In Foochow: None. In

Amoy: S. S. *Wenchow* and *Corea*. In Swa-tow: S. S. *Chefoo* and *Peronia*, and H.M.S.Hart. S. S. *Douglas* left Swatow on the

28th for Amoy. On the 27th at 2 a.m.,

passed a steamship bound North.

The Chinese steamer *Me li* reports:

Strong monsoon throughout.

The British barque *Abby Couper* reportsvessels "P. kon"—Aug. 16th, *Olus Branch*,

Newcastle to Pulo Penang, 24 days out;

same date, *Benwha*, Liverpool to Shang-hai, 19 days out; Aug. 20th, *Abercrombie*,

Liverpool to Bombay, 22 days out, in lat.

27 11 N., long. 21 49 W.; Oct. 11th, *Moel*

Rhydydd, Sunderland to Singapore, 77 days

out, in lat. 40 S., long. 85 E.; Dec. 1st, *Corra*,

Sumatrala, Hamburg to Hongkong, 110

days out, in Omby Pass; Dec. 20th, *Corra*,

London to Hongkong, 136 days out, in

Borneo Straits; 25th, *Alfreda* Cardiff to

Hongkong, 136 days out, in Gilolo Straits;

same date, L.D.G.M., Liverpool to Phil-

ippines, 139 days out, in Gilolo Straits; Jan.

2nd, *Gertrude*, Antwerp to Yokohama, 121

days out, in lat. 1 45 N., long. 139 55 E.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For NINGPO &amp; SHANGHAI.—

Per *China*, at 9 30 a.m. To-morrow, the

30th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per *Hwai Yuen*, at 2 30 p.m. To-morrow,

the 30th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per *Danube*, at 3 30 p.m., on Thursday,

the 30th Inst.

Per *Bellona*, at 3 30 p.m. To-morrow, the

30th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the

3rd February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Pekin*

will be despatched on SATURDAY,

the 1st February, with Mails to and

through the United Kingdom and

Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;

to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,

Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,

Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the

Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,

nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic*

will be despatched on TUESDAY,

the 4th February, with Mails for

Japan, San Francisco, and the United

States, which will be closed as fol-

lows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may

be posted on board the Packet with

Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage

until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies

(except the Bahamas and Hayti),

Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay

can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe4

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will

be despatched on SATURDAY, the

8th February, with Mails to and

through the United Kingdom and

Europe via Naples; to Saigon, Straits

Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,

Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bom-

bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *City of**Peking* will be despatched on SATUR-

DAY, the 22nd February, with Mails

for Japan, San Francisco, and the

United States, which will be closed as

follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may

be posted on board the Packet with

Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage

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can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fe22

## HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing

Mails, &amp;



think, from the way in which the boats have been worked and the general character of the line and fleet, that this arrangement is a proper and reasonable one; at the same time they are quite anxious to follow the wishes of the shareholders in the matter.

Mr DA SILVA: If the Directors think the present arrangement is the proper one, I will say nothing more. I am quite satisfied myself.

Mr DA SILVA then moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Carried by acclamation.

The proceedings then terminated.

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

A meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon. There were present: Messrs E. R. Bellios (in the chair), H. Hoppins, E. Burdell, W. R. Landstein, J. H. Cox, W. K. Hughes, and A. E. Vauchoer.

The Secretary (Mr L. Hauschild) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen; our report and accounts for the past six months have been sent round to you. The letter-press and the figures speak for themselves. I may only add that our expectations have been fully realized. The improvements we have undertaken have been the means of increasing the emoluments of the Hotel, and we may now only hope that the exertions of the lessees will be brought to play in order to acquire a good name for the institution, which, in our opinion, if once established, your property will be the source of unimpaired revenue both to them and to us. I shall be happy to answer any questions. If there are none to be asked, I beg to propose that the report for the half year, and accounts, be adopted.

Mr VAUCHER seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The next business is the re-election of the retiring Directors, Messrs Hoppins and Grobelen.

Mr LANDSTEIN proposed that the retiring Directors, Messrs Hoppins and Grobelen, be re-elected.

Carried unanimously.

Mr HOPPINS proposed that the retiring Auditors, Messrs Vauchoer and Cohen, be re-elected.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The dividends will be payable from and after the 10th of next month. There is no other business, and I have to thank you for your attendance.

Mr COX: I beg to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors.

Mr HUGHES seconded the motion.

Carried by acclamation.

The proceedings then terminated.

#### Canton.

January 28, 1879.

Ch'eng Fu, who had been appointed Acting Treasurer on Yang-k'ing-lin's mourning retirement, will in all probability, owing to the latter's death, be confirmed in the post. He is a Manchou.

He was Salt Commissioner at Tientsin in 1873, and was transferred to Canton in the same capacity on the 12th of September 1877.

He was afterwards promoted to the office of Judicial Commissioner of the province of Hunan. From 1878 to 1877 he served as one of the Secretaries of the Taung-li Yamen at Peking.

The late Treasurer was Governor of Shun T'ien Fu [Peking] in 1874, and was appointed Treasurer at Canton on the 22nd September 1875.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr Justice Snowden.)

January 29, 1879.

MOTION FOR RE-HEARING.

Mr Wotton appeared to apply for a review of judgment, or re-hearing, in the case of Dugleby v. Humphreys, decided by his Lordship yesterday. Mr Denys appeared to oppose the application.

Mr Wotton based his application—which was made in accordance with Sec. 24 of Ord. 14 of 1873—upon the grounds that the judgment was against the weight of evidence, and that the issues raised would be more satisfactorily decided by a jury.

His Lordship certainly thought that it was a proper case for a jury.

Mr Wotton continued to say that it was at the discretion of the Court what grounds should be considered sufficient.

As already noted at the time, the issues of the case for a jury, were not considered sufficient for his Lordship to grant a re-hearing, he would have to ask for an appeal from the decision. From his point of view, the evidence for the defence was conclusive, and while Aki's evidence was borne out by that of the coolies, Dugleby's evidence was in itself unsatisfactory; the plaintiff had not accounted for the payment of the brandy he had obtained.

His Lordship put it that his verdict was simply not proven.

Mr Wotton then submitted that, supposing the issue were whether or not plaintiff had paid the price for this brandy, would his Lordship be satisfied that the money had been paid.

His Lordship admitted that he was not satisfied.

Mr Wotton therefore put it that this unsatisfactory proof was strengthened by the admission of Dugleby.

His Lordship said that it must not be supposed that he approved of Mr Dugleby's conduct; but he had to decide upon the agreement, and upon that the dishonesty or otherwise of the plaintiff was the only ground for dismissal. As a jury he thought there was no intention to steal, and theft in a case of this kind was a difficult thing to prove.

Mr Wotton repeated that there were sufficient grounds for a new trial, and that the trial should be before a jury.

His Lordship admitted that, in the first instance, it was a most suitable case for a jury, but now it was a different thing.

Mr Denys contended, in reply, that only two bottles of brandy were unaccounted for, and that it was impossible that Mr

Dugleby could do more than say that he had paid for the other bottles, and have called Mr Hetherington, Mr Smith, or Mr McTavish to enter the amounts. Mr Denys next spoke of the probability of the reliability or otherwise of the Chinese evidence. Upon such evidence his Lordship could not decide that Dugleby was a dishonest man. He saw no grounds whatever, nor had any been given, for a new trial: Mr Wotton could appeal if he thought fit, and that was his proper remedy.

His Lordship remarked upon the extraordinary case which occurred recently at home, where a Judge refused leave to appeal on the ground that his decision might be reversed. He would again look over the case, and see whether his opinion could be altered.

The Court then rose.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before O. V. Cragh, Esq.)

29th January, 1879.

A NOTORIOUS BURGLAR AND HIS FRIEND.

Inspector Lindsay charged one Tang Ahing, described as an unemployed cook, 1st, with having returned from banishment on 28th Jan. 1879; 2nd, with unlawful possession of one Fire Brigade suit of uniform, one table-cloth, two jackets, one waistcoat, one pair of trousers, four pairs of stockings, one handkerchief, and one cigar-case, on the date above given; and 3rd, with having stolen one gold watch and divers other articles, the property of Mr Philip Arnold.

Tang Ahing, a cousin of the first prisoner, was charged at the same time by the Inspector with the unlawful possession of one piece of silk and one pair of spectacles, on the 28th Jan. 1879.

Inspector Lindsay stated:—At about 1 p.m. yesterday, I found the first defendant on the premises of Messrs Turner & Co. in the Queen's Road, in the chair-cooler's quarters. I recognised him as having been deposited in December last. I searched the room in which he was, and I there found the articles in Court (detailed above). The defendant was lying on his bed, and the bundle in Court was under his head: it contains one suit of Fire Brigade uniform, one table-cloth, one long coat, one jacket, one pair of trousers, four pairs of stockings, and one silk handkerchief. Close to the bundle I found the cigar-case and tobacco produced. I searched the prisoner and found the three pawntickets produced in his pocket. I brought the prisoner with the clothing to the Station, and at about 2 p.m. I returned to the room in which I had arrested him; and there I found the knife in Court on a shelf over the defendant's bed. I know the knife: I have seen it before in the possession of the first prisoner before he was deposited. With the permission of Mr Kyrie, I then searched the second boxes in the room. The second defendant opened the box in Court, and in it I found the piece of silk and the spectacles produced: they belong to Chan A-on, and were stolen from him at the same time as the Fire Brigade suit. I then arrested the second defendant. The first defendant has been identified as the man who sold a watch which was stolen from Mr Arnold on 31st July last.

Mr T. G. James, merchant, residing at the Blue Bungalow, identified the suit of Fire Brigade uniform as his property. On the morning of the 20th inst., his servant reported a robbery in the servants' quarters the previous night, the Fire Brigade suit being among the missing articles.

Chan A-on, servant to Mr Hutchings of Shanghai, who was living at the Blue Bungalow at the time of the robbery, identified the piece of silk, spectacles, coat, jacket, handkerchief, several pairs of socks, and the cigar-case in Court as his property. He also identified a jacket and waistcoat as belonging to him. The box which contained these and other articles was safe at 11 p.m. of the 19th, but was found broken open in the garden on the morning of the 20th, the robbery having been committed some time between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Altogether the value of the property stolen was \$68; and of that produced \$12.

Lau Ah, servant to Mr W. K. Hughes, corroborated the above statement regarding the robbery.

The assistant-accountant of the Tai Hing pawnshop gave evidence to the effect that one of the jackets in Court was pledged on the 21st instant, but failed to identify either of the prisoners as the man who pawned it. The pawning of the waistcoat on the 27th was also proved by the accountant of the Tang Shang pawnshop, but he failed to identify either of the prisoners as the pledger; while the long coat was pledged on the 24th at the Wing Tai pawnbroker's establishment. A different name and address was given in each case.

At this stage the case was adjourned until Monday, the 3rd prox.

#### TRACING THE WATCH.

To Alan, diver at the Kowloon Dock, and Lai Lung, a soldier hailing from Kowloon, stood charged on remand with the unlawful possession of Mr Arnold's gold watch, referred to in the case above reported. As already noted at the time, the watch was found by Sergeant Toomey on the 18th inst. in the pawnshop No. 263 Queen's Road East, and the pawnbroker charged, and called as witnesses against the only remaining defendant (Tang Ahing, or "Tai-too-ling," big-bellied Hing, as he was nicknamed).

To Alan, head coolie and diver at the Hong Nam Dock, then gave evidence. He met Tang Ahing at Hong Nam for the first time on 6th August, at which time and place he bought the watch for \$12 from the prisoner. His friend Lai Lung was present when the bargain was struck and the money paid.

Lai Lung, a soldier from Kowloon city, said he had known the defendant for 17 or 18 months, but did not know his employment. On or about the 6th of 7th August, he was asked by the prisoner whether he wanted to buy a watch, and as he did not, he asked the prisoner to sell

whether he was desirous to invest. Prisoner stated that he got the watch from a classman. The bargain was fixed, and the price was \$12, but he did not see the money paid. Witness did not see prisoner again until yesterday, when he saw him going into Messrs Turner & Co.'s premises; and he then gave information to the Police.

Prisoner denied all knowledge of the watch, but admitted having been four times in Gaol.

Sergeant Toomey said there were seven convictions against the prisoner—one of these was in Mr Douglas's time, and he was then described as having been twice in Gaol.

Mr Cragh said he would adjourn the case until the evidence of the previous convictions could be obtained. The case was thereupon remanded until Monday, the 3rd prox.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Foochow, January 25, 1879.

SIR,—The Chinese, as a nation, have always appeared paradoxical enough to the eyes of a Chinese who does not speak the Chinese language.

I think private individuals like Mr Kan, who has as yet done nothing to merit public notice, ought to be allowed to live in obscurity and peace; but if he must be dragged before the public, correct impressions ought to be given of him.

You represent him as "on his way to Shanghai whence he will return to Penang—his native place." This has led his friends to think that European education must have made him mad. Just fancy any one returning from England to Penang not over America but in one of Holt's steamers, first going to Shanghai and thence to Penang!

Allow me therefore as a friend of Mr Kan to say that he now speaks the Amoy dialect—and, having been born in the Straits, Malay quite as well as before he left for England.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MEPHISTO.

#### JOHN PAUL, GREETING.

We have been requested to publish a report, written, we presume, for the benefit of subscribers, by the person who wanders over the East under the name of John Paul in the belief that he is reforming the world.

Many of our readers will doubtless know him: so do we; and we no longer subscribe to his fund for the "poor." The more violent gushes of platitudinous nonsense have been out of the following:—

Hongkong the 1st of Jan. 1879.

DEAR SIRS AND GENTLEMEN,—

Again I allow myself to give a short Report of my yearly missionary labours.

It is now over 10 years since I first landed in China. I came to Hongkong from San Francisco, went to Canton, travelled into the Interior and was engaged in selling and distributing Chinese Bibles and Christian books along the coast in different Treaty Ports, where my means allowed it and where I expected the Chinese should wish for good Christian books. The Chinese have improved since that time: Christian chapels were built, preaching places opened and many Chinese were converted. Cities and towns were built up, telegraphs were laid, steamers are going to all directions, commerce and prosperity is increasing, and the Chinese do what they can to improve themselves and science. We enjoy peace. Christianity is spreading more and more all over the empire.

The famine in China and India has disappeared, a good crop was raised this year. The old Pope Pius IX died and Leo XIII is raised in his stead. There is peace in Europe now, the congress at Berlin has been decided. Blessed are the peacemakers. May God grant the peace to be lasting and may the whole world turn to Christianity and all men be true Christians.

Since my last Report I first travelled to Singapore. Chinese Bibles and Christian books were distributed. From Singapore went to Batavia. They had bored artesian wells there to get good water. I went by Railroad to Buitenzorg. Returned to Hongkong via Saigon. From Hongkong went to Shanghai. From there to Nagasaki, Yoko and Yokohama, was to Tokio, went back again to Shanghai.

In Japan the translation and printing of the Bible in Japanese is again in full progress and many converts are added into the church. From Shanghai I returned again to Hongkong via Foochow. Disappointed and sad, I found Chinese Christians everywhere and in Japan also some Japanese Christian books. Expenses for travelling etc \$380, to Poor \$50, for Printing Books etc \$50.

Sold and distributed this year 12,730 Bibles, in parts, gospels, tracts, sheets etc. I travelled about 9000 Miles. Collection Shanghai \$20, Hongkong \$56, Canton, \$17.

Thanks to the kind givers and may God reward all efforts put forth to his honour and glory. I wish much happiness to all and good success to every good work.

#### China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Jan. 16th.)

The German corvette Freya, Captain von Nostitz, arrived in port, from Formosa, on the 14th instant.

The Stewards of the Race Club have, we understand, issued invitations to a Ball for Monday next, the 20th instant.

We hear that Ting Futai has gone to Shang Kan, a large village near Pagoda Anchorage. His Excellency is accompanied by about 1,000 soldiers, and his mission is to apprehend several of the inhabitants, who are charged with having murdered eight persons in a piratical attack some years ago.

The relatives and friends of the deceased, failing to obtain any redress from the local authorities, appealed to Peking; and this appeal has, we understand, resulted in instructions from the Capital—empowering Ting Futai to act in the matter. The people of the village in question are notoriously turbulent; and it may be within the recollection of some of our readers that Mr Blacklock, of the Maritime Customs, Pagoda Anchorage, was murdered by a gang of ruffians from this place—a few years ago.

It is now understood that the long-promised official inquiry into the Wu-shih-shen Outrage will not take place until

after the Chinese New Year Holidays. Ting Futai has, we believe, ordered some fresh arrests (of suspected coolies), and the How Kwan Magistrate has been deprived of his official duties. Nothing more than this, we are informed, been done—so far.

The arch-conspirator Ling Ying Ling has not yet been arrested, and it is rumoured that even Ting Futai despairs of bringing him to justice. The object of the Chinese officials is clear enough:—They wish to gain time, in the hope that public interest in the affair will diminish.

The subjoined letter really did appear in the Amoy Gazette of 9th instant. It may be a joke, but at all events it is one of the funniest effusions we have seen for some time past. A "British Subject" must be good company, and we therefore congratulate exclusive and high-toned Amoyites on the appearance of this fashionable community of Chinese brain "newly arrived young man, though not more clearly, than his Christian and New Year have passed as quietly as if we have never seen them."

The only difference was in the shape of some visits made amongst friends. But there is nothing of public amusement.

"New Year was received by the 'Celestials' with the salute of 3 guns fired from the flag-staff hill, but in the morning there was nothing different and nothing promising of having a good day. An Athletic sport at the Recreation Ground could not have proved a bad idea or a rowing race or something of the sort which has life in it, instead of keeping quiet for Mr Earthquake may visit once more to keep us alive."

"As for me I spent my holidays pretty well for a newly arrived young man but I regret to see the want of more energy to the Amoy Sportsmen consequently much credit cannot be given them. Though I was told that a theatrical performance was given at the Club after the New Year and 'visitors' were invited, I hesitated to attend for fear that the word 'visitors' was a double meaning and I know that many of my friends who are old residents here, and would like to be here, for they are not members of the Club nor seafaring men, and not even visitors of Amoy for a short time, could not therefore come to any final conclusion."

"I would therefore advise the committee (if any?) of the Club that in future it should be stated whether it means non-subscribers to the Club or Captains of vessel in harbour."

Yours obediently,

A BRITISH SUBJECT.

"P.S.—What is the matter with the bell of the Chapel in Koolangsoo, its noise from the continuous ringing will set the dead alive."

#### SHANGHAI.

(Social Circle.)

There appears to be an unusually large number of Mandarin of various degrees at present honouring Shanghai with their presence. Chairs with feathered coiffures in sense, are constantly to be met with—almost in every other street. We are aware that an Imperial Commissioner, whose power is said to be of the most inquisitorial type is in our midst, and has taken up his quarters in the house in the Foochow Road, lately occupied by Messrs E. D. Sassoon & Co. An office for the sale of official buttons, etc., has also, it is said, been opened in the premises recently tenanted by the representative and secretary of the Church Missionary Society at this port. We know that lekin and yamen-runners swarm. There is an "official" spy-station at every foreign hotel to report to his superior everything that takes place in that hotel. One was lately caught, upon whom full particulars of the contents of the gowns were found, with notes as to sales, &c. The man was not handed over either to the native authorities or to the Police, but he got what he richly deserved—a sound thrashing; and other treatment also, the loss of which will prevent his appearance in public for some time; and necessitate his blushing unseen until his capillary appendage grows again.

#### (News.)

Another glaring attempt to extort money under false pretences has just come before the Mixed Court. The details of the case illustrate a phase of Chinese life repulsive to Western ideas, but revealing, as they do, the history of a girl's matrimonial career, they will doubtless be read with interest.

Six years ago a native of Soochow, represented as being in comfortable circumstances, was engaged to marry a girl seventeen years of age. Both parties then resided in Soochow, and the marriage was to be celebrated at their parents' abode, the usual marriage agreement being made and the day fixed for the ceremony. But at the eleventh hour the girl expressed her dislike of her lover, who, however, declined to consent to a compromise and insisted on his rights. The girl resolutely refused to marry him, and clandestinely escaped to Shanghai. He followed her, and soon discovered her whereabouts, whereupon he had her apprehended and taken before the Mixed Court. The Magistrate ruled that she must return to Soochow and fulfill the contract she had entered into. Still she defied her lover, and in this extremity, to make the best of what was apparently to him a bad bargain, he sold her for \$200 to a woman living in the French Concession, and returned to Soochow. The girl stayed with her new mother only a few months, when she was married to a Shanghai man, who paid \$200 down to obtain her freedom. After being married a little over two years her husband died, and since that time she has been living under the protection of one of her friends. A few days ago her original would-be husband appeared again on the scene and obtained, at the Mixed Court, a warrant for her arrest, claiming her as his wife, and representing that she had run away from him at Soochow. The warrant was signed by Mr C. F. H. Allen; the British Assessor, and handed over to Inspector Wilson, of the Louza Police Station, to be executed. The girl was arrested and taken to the Police Station, where she described her career as above narrated. Inspector Wilson tested the truthfulness of her statement, and yesterday at the Mixed Court he produced the documents of each transaction under which she changed owners, and represented that the case was a dastardly attempt to squeeze her, the man having lost all claim to her when he sold her at the time she refused to marry him. Mr Allen, who was sitting with Chen, and he protested to interfere in this class of case and left to the Chinese the man on whose conduct the case was based.

The relations of the United States with China are too intimate and too important to allow of disturbance by any arbitrary action towards a class of immigrants who, whatever their faults, manage to support themselves and to keep the peace. China has shown her appreciation of the reception which her people have received from the United States Government upon settling here by instituting commercial intercourse

#### Singapore.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

H. M. S. *Acetree*, Captain Edwards, from Hongkong with dates to the 9th instant, anchored in the roads early this morning. (Jan. 18th.)

The P. and O. steamer *Columbian*, which arrived this morning (Jan. 16th) with pilgrims from Jeddah, came into harbour with the quarantine flag flying. Dr Rowell, P. C. M. O., on going on board, found the passengers and crew all healthy, although a mild case of small-pox had been landed in Penang. Dr Rowell ordered the steamer to be thoroughly disinfected, after which she will be allowed free pratique.

The S. S. *Fleur de Lys* also came in this afternoon (Jan. 16th) with the quarantine flag flying, but no sickness being found on board, she was permitted to go alongside the Wharf.

#### THE SABBATARIAN GLASGOW BANKERS SOLILOQUY.

(Glasgow Herald.)

Is now my whining lifetime done? And is my shamming race run? And must I stand beneath the sun Be-marked w' ticket?

A target set for punster's fun, And fules to kick at?

I'm sure I wore a revered face, An' grooved bath in an' oot o' place, An' studied many a grave grimace In Kirk an' war!

An' thoct to end my worldly race A golly car!

My lips I agrowed to holy mood, And often at the kirk-plate stood, And over spoke o' doin' good To 'a' about me,

An' ne'er, I thoct, the world could E'en try to doot me.

I ne'er wad Monday papers read, Nor eat the Sunday-bakit bread; I sprang frae true Mossie seed O' purest water;

And loved to quote the holy creed, An' clatch the catter.

The railers say I've robbed the Bank, And gien its partners rags for rank, And that I delftly turned the crank, O' pious ranting;

But noo I show the cloven shank That ends my ranting.

I daurna say I wana whang To out myself as big a whang, Oot o' the boxie named the "Strang," In Stromach's house;

An' a' the while sing holly sang As mim's a pussie.

But then, ye ken, my need was great, Min' how I lived in noble state, And shower'd the gold like river spate An' roun' about me,

An' grumblin' bodies are no blate That want to clout me.

An' trouth the pleasures o' deceit Are far frae being rich or sweet; Sin mixes bitters w' the meat, Be't rich or plain,

An' whiles I'm like to sab and greet; Amen, Amen.

THE CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From Our New York Correspondent.)

The enemies of the Chinese are preparing to ask Congress at the coming Session to take definite action for the disposal of what they claim to be a most troublesome and dangerous element in American social economy.

The report of the Senatorial investigating committee which you some time since received, furnished some interesting information concerning the Chinese in this country, and those habits and customs of life which have given rise to so much complaint. Whilst that carefully prepared statement is calculated to weigh greatly on public opinion, the extravagant and prejudiced stories of the sand-lot orators of San Francisco, and the highly coloured pictures of partisan newspapers are not without important political effect. The root of the grievance in California against the Chinese is their willingness to work for wages on which a white person cannot sustain life. And yet a comparison between the cost of Chinese labour on the Pacific coast and white labour in the Atlantic States shows but little difference. The wages of coolie farm hands are \$20 (\$24) per month, with board. On railroads they receive \$40 per month, about the same amount as factory operatives. At cooking and household service, a business which they have altogether monopolised, they receive \$5 (\$4) per week, with board, while boys capable of answering door-bells and doing light housework get \$2. This training as the boy's apprenticeship, and as soon as he is fitted for the higher duty of cooking he is as eager for the established price as any white citizen can be. And he invariably gets it, for Chinese cooks are always in demand. The Chinese who have arrived in the United States this year exceed 9,000.

The quality that commends the Chinese employ is not mere cheapness, but willingness to perform any task assigned, and fidelity to the interests of employers. These qualities are not always found in the white labourer, and they cover a multitude of defects. The truth is that the white working men of California are an ambitious set, and not disposed to be contented with the ordinary wages paid at the Pacific coast in the hope of making quick fortunes, and cannot understand why a few bonanza kings should absorb the wealth they expect to pick up as a farmer digs up his potatoes. The hold-carrier is envious of the bank cashier, and if the Kearney verdict, cheap labour, must go, were carried into execution at once, it would leave the latter question as unsettled as ever. While our cities are over-run with an unemployed, starving class, the employers on the Pacific coast will not submit to extortion, and would, in that case, fill, without waste of time, the places of the banished Celestials with men and women glad to accept wages the meagreness of which fills the Communist with disgust.

The relations of the United States with China are too intimate and too important to allow of disturbance by any arbitrary action towards a class of immigrants who, whatever their faults, manage to support themselves and to keep the peace. China has shown her appreciation of the reception which her people have received from the United States Government upon settling here by instituting commercial intercourse

on the largest and most liberal scale. The Burlingame treaty has brought much more profit to this country than to China. If the Chinese were to go American merchants would be the heaviest losers. Should no more immigration be desired, it is not unlikely that the Chinese Government would consent to such a modification of the treaty as would put a check on the further importation of the coolies. But in regard to those who are here, the Government will, doubtless, see to it that they are protected in every right due to the honest, law-abiding, and useful citizen.—L. & C. Express.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Times has called attention to a practice of long standing in the British navy which, he complains, involves the destruction every time a man-of-war is put out of commission of a number of fittings which in many instances have cost altogether a considerable sum of money, and to the designing and completion of which much time and trouble have in every case been given. When a ship is handed over by the dockyard authorities to the officer appointed to commission her, there is no hint at all in the way of ornament about her. All her fittings are strong and a reasonable, but perfectly plain—regularly plain in the eyes of those whose home the vessel is to be for the next three or four years. Consequently, the same instant which leads shore-going folk to decorate their houses, to paint and paper and hang pictures on their walls, and fill their rooms with furniture which is far more costly than it would be were it made for use only without regard to appearance, leads the sailor also to wish to beautify the interior of his vessel. Accordingly, it has come to be a recognized practice for the carpenter and his men to devote their best energies during the commission of a ship to ornamenting her. The work is carried on under the direction of the commander or first lieutenant of the vessel, who also finds most of the money to buy the fancy wood, paint, polish, varnish, &c., required. By the time the commission is over pretty gratings will have been substituted for the plain panels round the ladders; the capstan will have been inlaid and polished; and carving, varnished or gilded, and brasswork will have taken the place of plain mouldings and iron. In a word, the interior of the ship will be highly, and it must be added generally very tastefully, ornamented. But before the work of decoration is well finished the ship is paid off; dockyard labourers come on board, and immediately the work of demolition begins. Everything that has been added to the



